

McLENNAN COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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LUNCH RESERVATIONS

Our next meeting will be lunch on TUESDAY, 27 MARCH 2007 @ 11:30 A.M. @ RIDGEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN NOON, FRIDAY, 23 MARCH 2007.

Anita Allen is our Hospitality Chair and all reservations will be made thru her. Anita prefers the reservations via e-mail to anitagallen@aol.com.

Should you not have a computer, please call 772-8763, before Friday morning.

Please pay for your lunch with a check. Ridgewood will NO LONGER ACCEPT CASH for your meal.

DUES

If you have not paid your dues for 2007, please do so. New members can pay dues upon joining. If you know of someone who would like to join the McLennan County Republican Women's Club, please bring them, as a guest to our luncheon or have them send dues to Nancy Swor, 3512 Greenleaf, Waco, 76710.

Associate member dues – we encourage you to give an associate membership in our club to your spouse, employees and family members. **WHY?** All of the dues for associate members stay in our local club treasury. Nothing has to be sent to NFRW or to TFRW, as we have to do with member's dues.

Make all checks payable to McLennan County Republican Women's Club or MCRWC.

MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING - 27 February 2007

49 members in attendance

Ridgewood County Club

Welcome

Invocation - Shirley Blanton

Pledges - Nancy Bradley

Call to order - Charissa Sloan

Recognition of Elected Officials

Matt Johnson, 54th District Court

Mike Freeman, McLennan County Court at Law, #1

Vicki Menard, 414th District Court

Judge Tom Gray, Chief Justice 10th Court of Appeals

Sandie Anderson on behalf of State Representative 'Doc' Anderson

Virginia Taylor on behalf of MA Taylor, McLennan County Chair

Oneta Leutwyler, SREC

Recognition of new guests.

"Ice-Breaker" presented by Rachel Woods, was called "Lights, Camera, Action".

"Spotlight of a Member", Rachel Woods gave a bio about herself.

Our speaker Joel Harder with MCCAP was introduced by Charissa Sloan.

Questions and Answers followed.

Bylaw changes were brought to a vote. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Announcements by: Oneta Leutwyler: SREC meeting in Hill County, March 3, 2007

Charissa Sloan reminded members about sign-up sheets

Adjournment 1:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bradley

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MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - 12 March 2007

A) LOCATION & TIME: Uncle Dan's

B) Meeting began at 11:30 AM and adjourned at 1:00 PM

C) ATTENDING: The President & 8 board members in attendance:

President (and Chair) - Charissa Sloan

Vice-President - Robyn Howard

Secretary - Nancy Bradley

Treasurer & PAC Treasurer - Nancy Swor

Programs - Bobbie Bills

Research & Legislative - Peggy Mallick

Community Outreach - Lynnann Kendrick

Immediate Past President/Advisor - Barbara Kasmiroski

D) AGENDA:

1) Charissa called the Meeting to Order at Noon

2) Individual Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report - Nancy Swor, presented the Treasurer's Report. We have 66 members and 26 associate members.

Program Report - Bobbie Bills, open discussion about spring agenda

Research & Legislative Report - Peggy Mallick reported on the trip to the Capitol for Legislative Day, March 1, 2007. The ladies attending had lunch with Representative 'Doc' Anderson and his wife, Sandie. They were also able to visit Senator Kip Averitt's office.

Hospitality Report - Anita Allen, the computer generated invitations for our monthly club meeting has been very successful.

Barbara Kasmiroski talked about the John Tower Award of Excellence and Missions still pending.

Charissa Sloan talked about Lynnann Kendrick being in charge of Community Outreach, dealing with special events.

Charissa Sloan adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm.

* Unfinished duties with a due date.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Bradley 3/12/07

MCRWC NEWS

LEGISLATIVE DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Five MCRW members joined several hundred other TSRW women from all over the state for Legislative Day in Austin March 1. They were Evelyn Cossey, Linda Hatchel, Peggy Mallick, Helen Quiram and Nancy Swor.

Our group met with Sen. Kip Averitt in his office before the session began and then visited committee hearings, observed the House in session and toured the Capitol.

Buses were provided to transport participants between the Capitol and the Austin Convention Center.

During the luncheon at the Center we were joined by Rep. Doc Anderson and Sandie and were addressed by Gov. Rick Perry, Honorable Susan Combs, Honorable Tom Craddick and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst. State awards were given.

The afternoon concluded with interesting workshops on Immigration and Water.

It was a wonderful day ---It was fun to see everyone dressed in RED!!!!

Peggy Mallick

Legislative Committee Chair



TFRW NEWS

The Second Annual Western White House Easter Egg Roll for our Troops and their Families needs Your Help

Dear TFRW members,

The White House tradition of children playing and having fun on the South Lawn at the Easter Egg Roll dates back to 1878 when President Rutherford B. Hayes offered the lush lawn to children after Congress passed a law forbidding the yearly activity on the Capitol grounds.

We have begun a new tradition in the Central Texas hometown of President George W. Bush to honor him and our military. The second annual Western White House Easter Egg Roll will be held Saturday, April 7, 2007 from 10am- 4pm at Tonkawa Park in Crawford, Texas. All activities will be free for military families.

We need your club's help by committing to organize and run a craft

- [Click here for more information including a 'wish list' of needed items, booth suggestions and directions to the park](#)

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Pam & Tom Gray have a block on their e-mail and you have to fill out a request for them to receive your e-mail.

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Hope this helps everyone keep in touch and know what is going on.

DATES TO REMEMBER

27 March – Regular Monthly meeting of MCRWC – Ridgewood 11:30 am

Goliad Massacre - 1836

2 April – Passover begins at sunset

6 April – Good Friday

8 April – EASTER

**9 April – MCRWC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – UNCLE DAN'S on LAKE AIR DR.
11:30 am – Club Members are welcome to attend**

Former POW Recognition Day

17 April – Legislature created Texas A&M, the State's first institution of higher learning (sorry T sippers)

19 April – McLennan County Republican Club luncheon – Knox Hall 11:30 am

**21 April 1836 - San Jacinto Day – Texas forces defeated Mexicans at San Jacinto
Capitol in Austin is first formally opened to the public in 1888**

FROM THE DESK OF STATE REP. DOC ANDERSON

Friends,

Just a note to let you know about the bills that I have introduced in the legislature. Friday, the 9th of March was the last day to introduce bills.

Concerning education, I introduced two bills. First a Teacher Empowerment bill to give teachers more control over discipline in the classroom. Secondly a Paperwork Reduction bill that would have school districts and teachers able to prepare and submit less paperwork and devote more time to teaching and education.

Also, concerning schools, I introduced a bill to have seat belts put on new school buses and giving schools incentives to retrofit existing buses if school boards elect to do so.

I introduced 6 bills related to the coal plants. The first was to establish a 180 day moratorium for the issuing of permits for the proposed new pulverized coal plants, because of their emissions. Fortunately a state district judge did this for us after my bill was filed. Secondly, I filed a bill to require the TCEQ to consider the "Cumulative Effects" of any proposed electric generation plants and their effect on the environment. I also filed a bill to create a task force (including TCEQ, ERCOT & PUC) to review electric generation and overall energy policy.

The other three bills are designed to provide incentives to energy producers to use the cleanest technology possible in building new plants in order to protect our economy and environment.

I introduced two bills that would require constitutional amendments. One would require a 2/3's vote of the legislature in order to raise the rate of the franchise tax. The second would prohibit a government entity from taking private property for the purpose of economic development or to benefit a particular private party.

I introduced a bill to protect our children by adding a relatively new street drug known as Salvia (Salvinorian A and Salvia Divinorum) to the list of drugs in Penalty Group 2 of the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

I was a joint author of a bill to make any Animal Identification Program voluntary in Texas.

I filed a bill to protect homeowners by reducing mortgage fraud.

There were two requested "local" bills that would affect McLennan County only. One would provide for a magistrate at the county jail and another would improve the composition of the McLennan County Juvenile Board.

All in all, I authored and introduced 26 bills and co-signed several others, all of which should help improve our quality of life in McLennan County.

As always it is a great honor to serve as your state representative. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

God Bless Texas

Doc

Senator Kip Averitt will begin his column next month, in our monthly newsletter.

IN CLOSING

Barbara Walters of Television's 20/20 did a story on gender roles in Kabul, Afghanistan, several years before the Afghan conflict. She noted that women customarily walked 5 paces behind their husbands.

She recently returned to Kabul and observed that women still walk behind their husbands. From Ms. Walter's vantage point, despite the overthrow of the oppressive Taliban regime, the women now seem to walk even further back behind their husbands and are happy to maintain the old custom.

Ms. Walters approached one of the Afghani women and asked, "Why do you now seem happy with the old custom that you once tried so desperately to change?"

The woman looked Ms. Walters straight in the eyes, and without hesitation said, "Land Mines."

MORAL OF THE STORY: BEHIND EVERY MAN IS A SMART WOMAN

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